

REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 2-5 and 7-14 will be all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 6 have been canceled and claims 13 and 14 were amended to change "polyamic film" to --polyamic acid film--.

In addition, claims 2-5, 7-8, 11 and 13-14 have been amended to depend from claim 9. In view of the Examiner's indication that claim 9 is allowable, it is respectfully submitted that these claims, which depend directly or indirectly, from claim 9 are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-8, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over DeVoe et al. (U.S. Patent 6,855,478) in view of Hayashi et al. (U.S. Patent 6,132,930). Without conceding in the merits of the rejection and in view of the cancellation of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is moot and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-5 and 7-14 is respectfully requested.

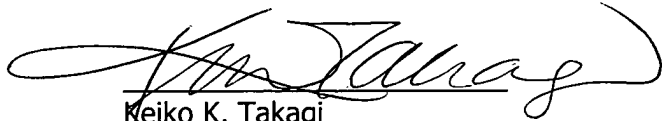
If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No.: 10/700,635

Attorney Docket No: Q78224

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



Keiko K. Takagi
Registration No. 47,121

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: January 12, 2006